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Subject: USS Reference Number: 12-0020

ACHD Reference Number: 14439

#2 Control Room USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,

James F. Dudek Plant Manager Clairton Works

## NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

- 1. USS Reference Number: 12-0020 ACHD Reference Number: 14439
- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 01/23/12 Time: 1300 hours
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: #2 Control Room
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA
- 7. Nature and cause of breakdown: A low oil condition caused two vacuum axi machines to trip off line. This resulted in a partial bypass of the #2 Control Room coke oven gas separation process while the axi machines were brought back on line.
- 8. Identification of Emissions:
  - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX,  $SO_2$ , Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.) Elevated  $H_2S$  in the downriver gas line systems, causing increased  $SO_2$  and VOC at point of combustion.
  - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO<sub>2</sub> is and VOC could be an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
  - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
    Moderate
- 9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).

  The axi machines were brought back on line.

10. Facility back in operation - Date: 01/23/12 Time: 1425 hours

Signature / (les)/r / hvis Date 1-25.12

Senior Environmental Control Engineer Phone: 412-233-1015